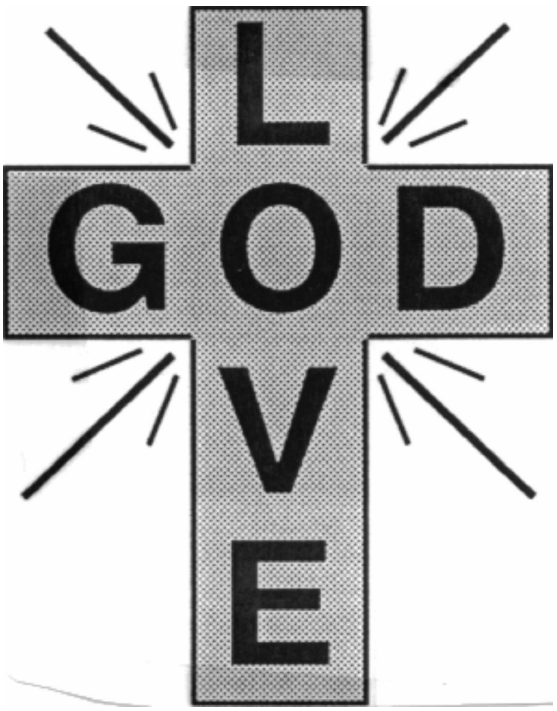

REQUIEM FOR THE INNOCENT

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Soli Deo Gloria – Glory to God alone
Μόνον τῷ Θεῷ ἡ δόξα (Monon tō Theō hē doxa)

"Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you,
That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."
Matthew 18:10 (KJV)

Introductory Scriptures

These Scriptures stand at the threshold of *Requiem for the Innocent*. They proclaim the sanctity of life, the sovereignty of God, the tragedy of shedding innocent blood, and the hope of redemption. They prepare the reader to enter the moral and spiritual landscape of the book with clarity, reverence, and humility.

I. The Sanctity of Life

- **Genesis 1:27 — "God created man in His own image." Every human being bears divine dignity.**
- **Psalm 139:13 — "Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb." God forms every child with intention and care.**
- **Jeremiah 1:5 — "Before I formed thee… I knew thee." Personhood begins before birth.**

II. The Value of the Innocent

- **Matthew 18:10 — "Their angels do always behold the face of My Father." Children hold a special place in God's heart.**
- **Isaiah 40:11 — "He shall gather the lambs with His arm." A picture of God's tender care for the vulnerable.**

III. The Warning Against Shedding Innocent Blood

- **Exodus 20:13 — "Thou shalt not kill." The foundational commandment protecting life.**
- **Proverbs 6:17 — "Hands that shed innocent blood." God condemns the destruction of the innocent.**
- **Psalm 106:38 — "They shed innocent blood… the blood of their sons and daughters." A historical warning against child sacrifice.**

IV. The Blindness of a Fallen Culture

- **Isaiah 5:20 — "Woe unto them that call evil good." Moral inversion leads to destruction.**
- **Romans 1:21 — "Their foolish heart was darkened." A portrait of spiritual blindness.**

V. The Call to Repentance and Mercy

- **Isaiah 1:18 — "Though your sins be as scarlet…" God offers complete cleansing.**

- **1 John 1:9 — "He is faithful and just to forgive." Forgiveness is available to all who repent.**
- **Luke 15:7 — "Joy… over one sinner that repenteth." Heaven rejoices over redemption.**

VI. The Triumph of God Over Death

- **1 Corinthians 15:55 — "O death, where is thy sting?" Christ has conquered death.**
- **2 Timothy 1:10 — "Who hath abolished death." The gospel brings life and immortality.**
- **Revelation 21:4 — "God shall wipe away all tears." A promise of restoration and eternal comfort.**

VII. The Sobering Warning to the Unrepentant

(These Scriptures prepare the reader for the Post-Script.)

- **Psalm 9:17 — "The wicked shall be turned into hell." A solemn declaration of divine justice.**
- **Hebrews 10:31 — "A fearful thing…" The gravity of rejecting God's mercy.**
- **Luke 13:3 — "Except ye repent…" Repentance is necessary for salvation.**

Why These Scriptures Stand at the Beginning

These passages form the theological foundation of *Requiem for the Innocent*. They proclaim:

- **the dignity of every human life**
- **the tragedy of shedding innocent blood**
- **the blindness of a fallen culture**
- **the hope of repentance**
- **the mercy of God**
- **the destiny of the innocent**

- **the triumph of Christ**
- **the warning to the unrepentant**

They prepare the reader to enter the book with reverence, clarity, and a heart open to truth.

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Introduction

The story of humanity has always been marked by moments of profound light and moments of unspeakable darkness. Among the darkest of these is the recurring tragedy that Scripture, history, and conscience all recognize as the slaughter of the innocents—the destruction of the most vulnerable lives among us. This book confronts one of the greatest such tragedies of our time: abortion, the deliberate ending of a human life in the womb.

We begin with a simple, foundational truth: human life begins at fertilization, at the very spark when God's creative design sets a new person into motion. In that instant, something sacred occurs—something more than biology, more than chemistry, more than cellular division. It is the moment when identity begins, when personhood is present, and perhaps when the soul itself is breathed into existence by the Creator who made us in His image. To speak of this child as a "fetus" is to depersonalize what God has personalized. Language shapes conscience, and conscience shapes action. When personhood is denied, destruction follows.

Abortion is not an abstraction. It is not a concept. It is not a political talking point. It is a procedure, a medicalized killing, carried out through methods designed to end the life of a developing child. These procedures—whether chemical, surgical, or mechanical—are not neutral acts. They are intentional terminations of human life. Every day, thousands of children die through these means. Every year, millions. Over the decades, the number has climbed beyond ninety million in America alone. Each one was a life with a future, a name known to God, a soul capable of love, relationship, and purpose.

This tragedy is not new. History has seen it before. When Herod sought to destroy the newborn Christ, he ordered the massacre of Bethlehem's children. When Pharaoh feared the rising strength of Israel, he commanded the death of Hebrew infants—only to see his own nation's firstborn fall in judgment. In both cases, the killing of innocents was justified through depersonalization: they were seen not as children, but as threats, obstacles, or expendable lives.

The same pattern reappeared in the twentieth century. During World War II, millions were slaughtered because they had first been stripped of personhood. They were labeled as subhuman, burdens, contaminants, or enemies of the state. Once identity was erased, murder became policy. As Justice Robert Jackson—chief U.S. prosecutor at Nuremberg—later warned, "The most odious of all oppressions are those which mask as justice." When evil cloaks itself in legality, the innocent suffer.

Today, abortion is justified through similar means. The child is renamed. The humanity is obscured. The moral reality is softened. But the truth remains: the right to life belongs to every human being, and no one has the authority to extinguish that right. Life does not begin at birth. It does not begin at viability. It does not begin when convenient. Life begins at conception, and from that moment forward, the child is a person.

This book will explore these truths with clarity and compassion. It will examine what abortion is, how it is carried out, and why it is morally devastating. It will show how depersonalization—whether in ancient kingdoms, totalitarian regimes, or modern medical systems—always leads to tragedy. It will affirm that human beings are not animals evolved by chance, but creations of intelligent design, endowed with dignity, purpose, and moral worth. Right and wrong come from above, not from shifting cultural winds.

Yet this book will also speak of hope. Abortion is sin, but in Christ there is forgiveness. No wound is too deep for His mercy. No past is beyond His healing. To all who carry the burden of regret, Christ offers peace. To all who seek restoration, He offers grace. To all who mourn the loss of innocence—whether personal or societal—He offers redemption.

In the end, every life is accountable to God. Every choice, every action, every silence. This book is written not to condemn, but to awaken; not to shame, but to illuminate; not to divide, but to call us back to the sacredness of life and the God who gives it.

"Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine"
("Grant them eternal rest, O Lord")

Foreword

There are books that inform, books that persuade, and books that comfort. *Requiem for the Innocent* does all three—but it does something more. It bears witness. It stands as a solemn testimony to the value of human life, the tragedy of its destruction, and the triumph of God over death itself.

This book was not written from abstraction. It was born from experience, conscience, repentance, and grace. It speaks with the voice of one who has walked through sorrow, who has faced the truth of his own past, and who has found forgiveness in Christ. It is a work shaped by tears, prayer, Scripture, and the unshakable conviction that life is sacred because God is its Author.

In these pages, the reader will encounter:

- **the wonder of human life at conception**
- **the tragedy of abortion and the culture of death**
- **the spiritual blindness that fuels destruction**
- **the cosmic perspective of God's sovereignty**
- **the mercy that receives every innocent child**
- **the victory of Christ over death**
- **the call to moral clarity in an age of relativism**

This book does not flinch from the truth. It does not soften the reality of sin. It does not hide the consequences of moral rebellion. But neither does it leave the reader in despair. Its message is ultimately one of hope—hope grounded not in human optimism, but in the gospel of Jesus Christ, who "hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." *(2 Timothy 1:10, KJV)*

The title, *Requiem for the Innocent*, is fitting. It is a lament for the children whose lives were taken before they could speak, breathe, or be held. But it is also a proclamation of their destiny: perfected, received, and cherished by God Himself. Their requiem is not a song of defeat—it is a declaration of victory.

This book is also a call. A call to conscience. A call to repentance. A call to courage. A call to defend life in a world that has forgotten what life is worth. It challenges the reader to reject the lies of relativism, to see through the deceptions of culture, and to stand firmly on the eternal truth of God's Word.

It is impossible to read this work without being moved. It is impossible to read it without being confronted. And it is impossible to read it without being reminded of the profound love and justice of God.

May the reader approach these pages with humility, with openness, and with a willingness to hear the voice of truth. May this book awaken conscience, strengthen conviction, and deepen compassion. May it honor the memory of the innocent. And may it glorify the God who receives them.

This is their requiem. This is our warning. This is God's triumph.

Dedication

To Barbara, whose life intersected mine in youth, and with whom I once made a tragic choice. This book is offered in humility, repentance, and love— a testimony to the mercy of God, who forgives fully, restores deeply, and brings light even from our darkest chapters.

To our unborn child and to the innocent children whose lives were taken before they could breathe, whose requiem is sung not in despair, but in the triumph of God who receives them, perfects them, and holds them forever in His eternal care.

To the Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant churches, who have carried the torch of life through centuries of darkness, bearing witness to the truth that every human soul is created in the image of God.

To the March for Life and its brave participants— who stand in the cold, year after year, not for themselves, but for those who cannot stand at all.

To the educators who teach truth, the Right to Life organizations who defend the vulnerable, the medical professionalswho choose healing over harm, and the dedicated individuals who labor quietly, faithfully, to protect life wherever it is threatened.

To the repentant, who have walked through sorrow, faced the truth of their past, and found forgiveness in Christ. Your courage is a beacon. Your repentance is a testimony. Your redemption is a miracle of grace.

And finally, to the God who abolishes death, who brings life and immortality to light through the gospel, and who gathers every innocent child into His everlasting arms.

This book is for them. This book is for you. This book is for Him.

Preface

The pages that follow confront one of the most solemn moral crises of our age: the destruction of innocent human life through abortion. This book is not political. It is not academic. It is a moral witness—an appeal to conscience, to Scripture, and to the God who creates every human being in His image.

The conviction at the heart of this work is simple, unyielding, and rooted in divine truth: human life begins at conception. At the moment of fertilization, God's creative design sets a new person into motion—a child with a soul, a destiny, and immeasurable worth. From that instant forward, the unborn are not "potential life," not biological material, not a depersonalized "fetus," but human beings—intentionally made, inherently valuable, and deserving of protection.

To deny personhood is to deny humanity. History has shown that whenever a society strips a group of its humanity, tragedy follows.

The themes explored in this book echo the message of my original song, "The Right to Life," available at jimgiatas.comand directly at:

https://jimgiatas.com/track/1778900/the-right-to-life

The song expresses the same moral and spiritual truths that shape this work:

- **Sanctity of Life — Every child is created intentionally and bears the image of God.**
- **Moral Clarity — The taking of innocent life must be named plainly, without euphemism or moral fog.**
- **Compassion and Redemption — For those who carry sorrow or regret, Christ offers forgiveness, healing, and peace.**
- **Historical Resonance — From Pharaoh's decree to Herod's massacre to the atrocities of the modern era, depersonalization has always preceded violence.**
- **Call to Conscience — We must see beyond rhetoric and recognize the humanity of the child whose life is at stake.**

This book examines abortion for what it is: the intentional ending of a human life. It explores the medical procedures involved, the language that obscures reality, and the cultural forces that have numbed moral awareness. It traces biblical and historical patterns that reveal how societies justify the killing of innocents. And it affirms that human beings are not accidents of evolution, but creations of intelligent design—endowed with dignity, purpose, and moral worth.

Yet this work is not written to condemn. It is written to awaken. It is written to remind us that human life is sacred, that moral truth comes from above, and that every person—born or unborn—belongs to God. It is written to call us back to compassion, responsibility, and the recognition that the right to life is not granted by governments or courts, but by the Creator Himself.

Above all, this book is written with hope. Abortion is sin, but in Christ there is forgiveness. No wound is beyond His healing. No past is beyond His mercy. To all who seek peace, He offers grace. To all who mourn the loss of innocence—whether personal or national—He offers redemption.

We must all give account to God. May these pages help us see more clearly, feel more deeply, and act more faithfully in defense of the most vulnerable among us.

Author's Note

This book was not written from theory, distance, or abstraction. It was written from life—my life—and from the grace that saved it. As a younger man, I participated in an abortion with my college girlfriend, Barbara, a choice that has remained with me for decades. I do not write these words to reopen wounds, but to acknowledge the truth: I was part of the culture of death before I understood what life truly meant.

Through Christ, I found forgiveness—full, complete, undeserved, and transformative. Through repentance, I found healing. Through Scripture, I found clarity. And through writing, I found a way to honor the innocent and speak truth to a world drowning in confusion.

Requiem for the Innocent **is not a political book. It is not a sociological book. It is not a cultural commentary. It is a testimony—to the sanctity of life, the tragedy of its destruction, and the triumph of God over death. It is a requiem for the children whose voices were never heard, and a proclamation of the gospel that receives them into everlasting glory.**

This book is also a confession. Not of despair, but of redemption. I write as one who has sinned and been forgiven, as one who has stumbled and been lifted, as one who has participated in darkness and been brought into the light. My past does not define me; God's mercy does.

My original song, "The Right to Life," was written as a musical expression of this conviction. It can be heard at my website:

https://jimgiatas.com/track/1778900/the-right-to-life

It is offered with the same heart as this book: sorrow for the past, love for the innocent, and gratitude for the mercy of God.

I am indebted to the churches—Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant—whose witness to the sanctity of life has endured through centuries. I am grateful for the March for Life, the Right to Life organizations, the educators, the medical professionals, the pastors, the activists, and the repentant former participants who stand for truth in a world that has forgotten it.

This book is not long, but it is complete. It says what must be said. It honors those who must be honored. It warns those who must be warned. And it glorifies the God who receives every innocent child into His everlasting arms.

May these pages awaken conscience, strengthen conviction, and deepen compassion. May they comfort the repentant. May they honor the innocent. And may they glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, who "hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." ***(2 Timothy 1:10, KJV)***

—Jim Giatas Fredonia, New York

Chapter One — The Beginning of Life: The Spark of Personhood

Human life does not begin in silence. It begins in brilliance. At the moment of fertilization—when sperm and egg unite—something extraordinary occurs. A spark of biological energy flashes, visible under microscopic observation, marking the creation of a new human being. Science describes this as the activation of zinc ions. Theology sees something deeper: the moment when God breathes identity into existence.

This is the beginning of personhood.

From that instant forward, the child is not a possibility but a reality. Not a potential human, but a human with potential. Not an idea, but a person. The story of every life begins here, in the hidden sanctuary of the womb, where God's creative design unfolds with precision and purpose.

1. The Divine Blueprint

Every human being begins with a complete genetic code—forty-six chromosomes containing the full blueprint of a unique person. Nothing more needs to be added. The child's sex, eye color, height, facial features, and countless traits are already written. The biological script is set in motion, but the Author is God.

Scripture affirms this truth repeatedly:

- **“You knit me together in my mother’s womb.” *(Psalm 139:13)***
- **“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.” *(Jeremiah 1:5)***
- **“Your eyes saw my unformed substance.” *(Psalm 139:16)***

And with the psalmist we declare the truth that stands at the center of human dignity: *“I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” *(Psalm 139:14)***

This is not poetic exaggeration. It is theological reality. Every human being—no matter how small, how hidden, or how dependent—is crafted with awe, intention, and divine artistry.

To deny this is not merely a scientific error—it is a spiritual blindness.

2. The Child as a Person

The child in the womb is often described in clinical terms: embryo, fetus, tissue, product of conception. These words may be medically useful, but they are spiritually dangerous. They shift attention from the person to the process. They depersonalize what God has personalized.

Personhood is not granted by:

- **size**
- **development**
- **location**
- **dependency**
- **or the desires of others**

Personhood is granted by God.

The unborn child is already:

- **loved**
- **known**
- **designed**
- **purposed**
- **and bearing the image of God *(Genesis 1:26–27)***

This is why the destruction of innocent life is so devastating. It is not merely the ending of a biological process. It is the extinguishing of a person.

3. The Spiritual Battle Over Life

The struggle over human life is not only cultural or political—it is spiritual. In theology and literature, Satan's hatred for humanity is rooted in jealousy, pride, and rebellion against God. Humans are uniquely created in God's image, and this divine status provokes the enemy's rage.

Several traditions describe Satan's refusal to honor Adam, viewing humans as inferior creatures made of dust. His fall was not only disobedience—it was contempt for humanity. And because Satan cannot harm God directly, he attacks what God loves most: human beings.

He seeks to corrupt, deceive, destroy, and separate humanity from its Creator. The destruction of innocent life is one of the clearest expressions of this hatred.

Abortion is not merely a medical act. It is a spiritual assault on the image of God.

4. The Historical Pattern of Dehumanization

Every era of mass violence begins with the same lie: some lives matter less than others.

- **Pharaoh declared Hebrew infants a threat *(Exodus 1:22)*.**
- **Herod declared Bethlehem's children a danger *(Matthew 2:16)*.**
- **Racist ideologies declared entire races inferior.**
- **Totalitarian regimes declared millions "subhuman."**
- **Modern culture declares the unborn "non-persons."**

Adolf Hitler's regime—responsible for immense suffering, loss of life, and human rights violations—used pseudo-science to justify atrocity. He invoked "natural cruelty," claiming that because nature is brutal, humans are entitled to be brutal. He distorted evolutionary theory into Social Darwinism, arguing that humanity should follow the "law of the jungle" rather than moral conscience. Targeted groups were labeled "vermin," equated with pests, and stripped of personhood.

This is the naturalistic fallacy: the belief that what occurs in nature is morally right. But humans are not animals driven by instinct. We possess reason, empathy, and moral agency. We build societies precisely to rise above predatory existence.

When personhood is denied, atrocity follows.

5. The Modern Denial of Personhood

Today, the unborn child faces the same ancient lie: that its life is less valuable, less human, less worthy of protection. Abortion is justified through depersonalization:

- **"It's not a baby."**
- **"It's just tissue."**
- **"It's not a person yet."**
- **"It's not alive."**
- **"It's not human."**

These statements are not scientific—they are psychological. They exist to silence conscience.

But conscience cannot be silenced forever. The truth remains: life begins at conception, and the child is a person.

6. The Moral Weight of the First Chapter

This chapter establishes the foundation of the entire book:

- **Life begins at conception.**
- **Personhood is bestowed by God.**
- **The unborn child bears the divine image.**
- **We are fearfully and wonderfully made *(Psalm 139:14)*.**
- **Depersonalization is the root of violence.**
- **Abortion is the intentional ending of a human life.**
- **The spiritual battle over life is real.**
- **The destruction of innocents is a recurring tragedy in human history.**

This is the beginning of the story—a story of truth, conscience, and the sacredness of life.

Chapter Two — The Crisis of Relativism: Life, Law, and the Loss of Truth

Human life is sacred. This truth does not shift with culture, politics, or personal preference. It is rooted in the eternal nature of God, who created us in His image and declared that we are fearfully and wonderfully made *(Psalm 139:14)*. Yet the modern world has embraced a dangerous illusion: that truth is relative, morality is subjective, and life can be defined—or dismissed—according to human desire.

This chapter confronts that illusion.

1. The Shared Tragedy: Abortion, Suicide, and Euthanasia

Abortion, suicide, and euthanasia may appear different in circumstance, but they share one devastating reality: the intentional destruction of human life.

- **Abortion ends the life of a child in the womb.**
- **Suicide ends the life of the self.**
- **Euthanasia ends the life of the suffering or elderly.**

Each act rejects the sacredness of life. Each act denies the divine image. Each act assumes authority over life that belongs only to God.

Scripture is clear: **"You shall not murder." *(Exodus 20:13)* "You are not your own; you were bought with a price." *(1 Corinthians 6:19–20)* "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away." *(Job 1:21)***

Life is God's domain. Life is God's gift. Life is God's prerogative.

Therefore:

- **Abortion is always wrong.**
- **Suicide is always wrong.**
- **Euthanasia is always wrong.**

Not because we lack compassion, but because God's truth is not relative.

2. The Abuse of Governmental Authority

Government exists to restrain evil, protect the innocent, and uphold justice *(Romans 13:1–4)*. Yet history shows that governments often fail in this sacred duty—and sometimes become instruments of oppression themselves.

Slavery was once legal. Segregation was once legal. The slaughter of innocents under Pharaoh and Herod was legal. The atrocities of totalitarian regimes were legal.

Legality is not morality. Law is not always justice. Government authority is not inherently righteous.

This truth was articulated with piercing clarity by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, who served as the Chief U.S. Prosecutor at the Nuremberg Trials. He warned:

"The most odious of all oppressions are those which mask as justice." — Justice Robert H. Jackson

The Meaning Behind Jackson's Warning

- **Perversion of the Law: Jackson understood that corrupt systems often weaponize legal frameworks to commit human rights violations. When evil is wrapped in legal procedure, it gains a false aura of legitimacy.**
- **The Illusion of Legitimacy: Oppression becomes exceptionally dangerous when it wears the robes of justice. When immoral acts are carried out through courts, legislatures, or official decrees, the public becomes confused, conscience becomes dulled, and resistance becomes harder.**
- **The Prosecutor's Burden: Jackson frequently spoke of the immense responsibility borne by legal authorities. He believed the law must never be twisted for political ends or used as a tool of destruction. His experience at Nuremberg taught him that governments can—and often do—sanction evil under the guise of legality.**

Jackson's warning applies directly to our present crisis.

Today, abortion is legal in many places. Assisted suicide is legal in others. Euthanasia is increasingly promoted as "compassion."

But legality does not sanctify sin. Government cannot redefine morality. Courts cannot redefine personhood. Legislatures cannot redefine life.

The political reality has become relative. The moral reality has become relative. The legal reality has become unreliable.

Government has no authority to contradict God. Government has no right to declare innocent life disposable. Government has no power to make evil good.

Only God defines truth. Only God defines morality. Only God defines life.

3. The Failure of Relative Truth

Modern culture proclaims:

- **“Your truth is your truth.”**
- **“My truth is my truth.”**
- **“Your morals are yours.”**
- **“My morals are mine.”**

This is not enlightenment. This is confusion.

Truth cannot contradict itself. Morality cannot be self-invented. Life cannot be defined by preference.

Relative truth collapses under its own weight. If morality is subjective, then:

- **no injustice can be condemned,**
- **no atrocity can be judged,**
- **no evil can be named,**
- **no life can be protected.**

This is why relativism always leads to destruction. When truth becomes personal, morality becomes optional, and life becomes negotiable.

But God’s truth is not relative. God’s morality is not subjective. God’s commandments are not suggestions.

****“Your word is truth.” *(John 17:17)* “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” *(Hebrews 13:8)* “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.” *(Isaiah 40:8)***

God’s truth does not change. God’s morality does not evolve. God’s view of life does not shift with culture.

4. The Christian Foundation: Objective Truth and Sacred Life

Christian morality is rooted in objective truth:

- **God is the Creator of life.**
- **God defines the value of life.**
- **God commands the protection of life.**
- **God alone has authority over life and death.**

This is why the Church has always affirmed:

- **Abortion is sin.**
- **Suicide is sin.**
- **Euthanasia is sin.**

Not because Christians lack compassion, but because Christians understand the sacredness of life.

Life is precious. Life is purposeful. Life is God-given. Life must be protected.

The Christian worldview does not bend to cultural trends. It does not shift with political winds. It does not bow to legal decrees. It stands on the eternal truth of God's Word.

5. The Consequences of Rejecting God's Truth

When society rejects objective truth:

- **morality becomes subjective,**
- **law becomes unstable,**
- **government becomes unreliable,**
- **life becomes disposable.**

This is the soil in which abortion, suicide, and euthanasia grow. This is the environment where personhood is denied. This is the climate where the innocent suffer.

Relative morality cannot sustain justice. Relative truth cannot protect life. Relative ethics cannot uphold dignity.

Only God's truth can.

6. The Call to Clarity and Courage

Chapter Two establishes a critical foundation for the rest of this book:

- **Life is sacred.**
- **Truth is objective.**
- **Morality is absolute.**
- **Government is fallible.**
- **Law is unreliable.**
- **Culture is unstable.**
- **God's Word is eternal.**

We must reject relativism. We must embrace divine truth. We must defend life. We must stand firm in a world that has forgotten what life is worth.

This chapter is a call to clarity, courage, and conviction. It is a call to return to God's truth. It is a call to protect the innocent. It is a call to honor the Author of life.

Chapter Three — The Great Divide: Relativism vs. God's Objective Truth

The modern world is divided by a fundamental conflict—one that shapes law, culture, morality, and the value of human life. It is the conflict between relativism and objective truth. Understanding this divide is essential, because every moral crisis of our age—including abortion, suicide, and euthanasia—flows directly from it.

This chapter begins with clear definitions, then builds toward the spiritual and cultural consequences of abandoning God's truth.

1. What Relativism Is

Relativism is the belief that truth and morality are not fixed, not universal, and not absolute. Instead, they are thought to vary from person to person, culture to culture, or situation to situation.

Relativism says:

- **"Your truth is your truth."**

- **“My truth is my truth.”**
- **“What’s right for you may not be right for me.”**
- **“Morality depends on circumstances.”**
- **“Nothing is absolutely true.”**

Relativism denies:

- **universal truth**
- **universal morality**
- **universal accountability**
- **universal human dignity**

It replaces God’s authority with human preference. It replaces divine revelation with personal opinion. It replaces moral clarity with moral confusion.

Relativism is the philosophical engine behind the destruction of life.

2. What Objective Truth and Morality Mean

Objective truth is truth that exists independently of human opinion. It is true whether we accept it or reject it, whether we believe it or deny it.

Objective truth is:

- **universal**
- **unchanging**
- **rooted in reality**
- **grounded in God**

Jesus prayed, **“Your word is truth.” *(John 17:17)* And Scripture declares, **“The word of our God stands forever.” *(Isaiah 40:8)*

Objective morality is the moral law that flows from God’s nature. It does not evolve. It does not bend. It does not adjust to cultural trends.

Objective morality says:

- **Life is sacred.**

- **Murder is wrong.**
- **Suicide is wrong.**
- **Euthanasia is wrong.**
- **Abortion is wrong.**
- **Human dignity is non-negotiable.**

Objective morality is not harsh—it is holy. It protects life, restrains evil, and reflects the character of God.

3. What Subjective Truth and Morality Mean

Subjective truth is truth defined by personal feeling, personal experience, or personal preference. It is not universal. It is not binding. It is not stable.

Subjective truth says:

- **"I feel this is true."**
- **"I believe this is right."**
- **"My experience determines my morality."**

Subjective morality is morality invented by the individual or the culture. It shifts constantly. It contradicts itself. It has no anchor.

Subjective morality says:

- **"I decide what is right."**
- **"I define my own truth."**
- **"I choose my own values."**

Subjective morality cannot protect life because it cannot define life. Subjective morality cannot condemn evil because it cannot define evil. Subjective morality cannot uphold justice because it cannot define justice.

Subjective morality is the soil in which relativism grows.

4. The Collapse of Culture Under Relativism

When relativism becomes the foundation of a society, several consequences follow:

- **Law becomes unstable.**
- **Government becomes unreliable.**
- **Morality becomes negotiable.**
- **Life becomes disposable.**
- **Personhood becomes optional.**

This is why abortion, suicide, and euthanasia flourish in relativistic cultures. When truth is subjective, life becomes subjective. When morality is relative, the value of life becomes relative.

Relativism is not merely a philosophical error—it is a cultural poison.

5. The Christian Response: Truth That Does Not Move

Christian truth is not relative. Christian morality is not subjective. Christian ethics are not negotiable.

They are grounded in:

- **the nature of God**
- **the Word of God**
- **the image of God**
- **the commandments of God**
- **the sovereignty of God**

****"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." *(Hebrews 13:8)***

This means:

- **Life is always sacred.**
- **Murder is always wrong.**
- **Suicide is always wrong.**
- **Euthanasia is always wrong.**

- **Abortion is always wrong.**

Not because Christians lack compassion, but because Christians understand the divine origin of life.

6. The Moral Clarity That Relativism Cannot Provide

Relativism cannot answer the most important questions:

- **What is a human being?**
- **What is life?**
- **What is death?**
- **What is right?**
- **What is wrong?**
- **What is justice?**
- **What is evil?**

Relativism has no foundation. Relativism has no authority. Relativism has no anchor.

Only God's truth can answer these questions. Only God's morality can guide human conscience. Only God's Word can define the value of life.

7. The Consequences of Choosing Subjective Morality

When subjective morality replaces objective truth:

- **abortion becomes a "choice,"**
- **suicide becomes "self-determination,"**
- **euthanasia becomes "compassion,"**
- **life becomes "optional,"**
- **death becomes "empowerment,"**
- **morality becomes "personal,"**
- **truth becomes "fluid."**

This is the great deception of our age.

Subjective morality promises freedom but delivers destruction. Subjective truth promises enlightenment but delivers confusion. Relativism promises liberation but delivers death.

8. The Call to Return to God's Truth

Chapter Three establishes the philosophical and theological foundation for the rest of this book:

- **Relativism is false.**
- **Objective truth is real.**
- **Objective morality is divine.**
- **Subjective morality cannot sustain justice.**
- **Subjective truth cannot protect life.**
- **God's truth is eternal.**
- **God's morality is absolute.**
- **God's view of life is unchanging.**

We must reject relativism. We must embrace objective truth. We must defend life. We must stand firm in a world that has forgotten what truth is.

This chapter is a call to clarity, conviction, and courage. It is a call to return to God's truth. It is a call to honor the Author of life. It is a call to protect the innocent. It is a call to stand against the tide of relativism.

Chapter Four — The War for the Human Mind: Conscience, Deception, and the Voice of God

Relativism attacks truth. Abortion attacks life. But beneath both lies a deeper battleground —the human mind and conscience. Chapter Four explores this battleground: how conscience works, how deception blinds it, how culture numbs it, and how God restores it.

This chapter is the hinge between the philosophical foundation of Chapters One–Three and the spiritual, moral, and cultural realities that follow.

1. The Nature of Conscience

Conscience is not a social invention. It is not a psychological construct. It is not a product of evolution. Conscience is a gift from God, placed within every human being as an internal witness to His moral law.

Scripture affirms this:

- **"The law is written on their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness."** ***(Romans 2:15)***
- **"The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord."** ***(Proverbs 20:27)***

Conscience is:

- **the inner voice that recognizes right and wrong**
- **the moral compass that points toward God's truth**
- **the spiritual alarm that sounds when life is violated**

Conscience is not perfect—it can be wounded, hardened, or deceived—but it is real, and it is God-given.

2. How Conscience Is Deceived

Relativism does not merely distort truth—it corrupts conscience. When truth becomes subjective, conscience becomes confused. When morality becomes relative, conscience becomes numb.

Deception enters through:

- **language ("fetus," "choice," "compassion killing")**
- **culture (celebrating autonomy over life)**
- **law (declaring evil to be legal)**
- **philosophy (denying objective morality)**
- **media (normalizing the destruction of life)**

This is why Scripture warns:

- **"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil."** ***(Isaiah 5:20)***
- **"Their minds are darkened."** ***(Ephesians 4:18)***

When evil is renamed, conscience is disarmed. When sin is reframed, conscience is silenced. When life is redefined, conscience is corrupted.

3. The Numbing of Conscience in Modern Culture

Modern culture has mastered the art of numbing conscience. It does so through:

- **euphemism ("terminate," "assist," "end-of-life care")**
- **normalization (portraying death as empowerment)**
- **legal endorsement (declaring destruction of life a right)**
- **moral confusion ("your truth," "your morals")**
- **emotional manipulation ("compassion requires killing")**

The result is a society where:

- **abortion is celebrated**
- **suicide is romanticized**
- **euthanasia is sanctified**
- **life is negotiable**
- **death is rebranded as dignity**

This is not enlightenment—it is deception.

4. The Spiritual Dimension of Deception

Deception is not merely cultural—it is spiritual. Scripture teaches that Satan is:

- **"a liar and the father of lies"** ***(John 8:44)***
- **"the deceiver of the whole world"** ***(Revelation 12:9)***

- **“the accuser of the brethren” *(Revelation 12:10)***

His hatred for humanity is rooted in jealousy, pride, and rebellion. He cannot harm God directly, so he attacks what God loves most—human beings, especially the innocent.

Satan’s strategy is simple:

1. **Dehumanize life**
2. **Distort truth**
3. **Corrupt conscience**
4. **Normalize destruction**
5. **Sanctify death**

Abortion, suicide, and euthanasia are not merely social issues—they are spiritual assaults on the image of God.

5. The Voice of God vs. the Voice of Culture

Culture speaks loudly. God speaks clearly.

Culture says:

- **“Truth is relative.”**
- **“Morality is personal.”**
- **“Life is negotiable.”**
- **“Death can be compassionate.”**

God says:

- **“Your word is truth.” *(John 17:17)***
- **“You shall not murder.” *(Exodus 20:13)***
- **“I set before you life and death… choose life.” *(Deuteronomy 30:19)***
- **“I have come that they may have life.” *(John 10:10)***

Culture whispers deception. God declares truth. Conscience recognizes the difference.

6. The Restoration of Conscience

Conscience can be wounded. Conscience can be hardened. Conscience can be deceived. But conscience can also be restored.

Restoration comes through:

- **Scripture (the light of truth)**
- **repentance (the cleansing of guilt)**
- **the Holy Spirit (the renewal of mind)**
- **Christian community (the reinforcement of truth)**
- **prayer (the alignment of heart with God)**

God does not abandon those who have been deceived. He heals. He restores. He renews.

7. The Battle for the Mind

Chapter Four reveals the true battleground:

- **not politics**
- **not courts**
- **not culture**
- **not philosophy**

The battleground is the human mind and conscience.

This is where truth is recognized or rejected. This is where life is valued or dismissed. This is where morality is embraced or abandoned. This is where God's voice is heard or ignored.

The war for life is ultimately a war for truth. The war for truth is ultimately a war for conscience. The war for conscience is ultimately a war for the human soul.

8. The Call to Discernment

Chapter Four establishes the spiritual foundation for what follows:

- **Conscience is God-given.**

- **Deception is real.**
- **Culture numbs conscience.**
- **Satan corrupts truth.**
- **God restores the mind.**
- **Life must be defended.**
- **Truth must be proclaimed.**
- **Morality must be anchored in God.**

We must cultivate discernment. We must reject deception. We must guard conscience. We must listen to God's voice. We must stand for life.

This chapter is a call to spiritual vigilance, moral clarity, and unwavering commitment to God's truth.

Chapter Five — The Sacredness of Suffering: God's Purpose, Human Pain, and the Value of Every Breath

Chapter Five turns to a subject modern culture avoids, denies, or tries to eliminate: suffering. Yet suffering is central to the human experience and central to the Christian understanding of life. In a world that increasingly treats suffering as justification for ending life—through abortion, suicide, or euthanasia—this chapter restores the biblical truth that suffering has meaning, purpose, and dignity.

This chapter builds on everything established so far: objective truth, the sanctity of life, the corruption of relativism, and the war for conscience. Now we confront the question that lies beneath all attacks on life:

What is the meaning of suffering?

1. The Modern Rejection of Suffering

Modern culture believes:

- **suffering is meaningless**

- **suffering is intolerable**
- **suffering is an obstacle to happiness**
- **suffering is a justification for ending life**

This belief fuels:

- **abortion ("the child will suffer," "the mother will suffer")**
- **suicide ("I cannot endure this pain")**
- **euthanasia ("death is dignity," "suffering is pointless")**

But Scripture teaches the opposite:

- **"We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance."** ***(Romans 5:3)***
- **"Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him."** ***(Job 13:15)***
- **"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."** ***(2 Corinthians 12:9)***

Suffering is not meaningless. Suffering is not purposeless. Suffering is not a justification for death.

Suffering is a place where God works.

2. The Biblical Reality of Suffering

Scripture never hides suffering. It confronts it directly:

- **Joseph suffered betrayal and imprisonment.**
- **Job suffered loss, sickness, and despair.**
- **David suffered persecution and fear.**
- **Jeremiah suffered rejection and loneliness.**
- **Paul suffered beatings, imprisonment, and hardship.**
- **Christ suffered the cross.**

Suffering is woven into the story of redemption.

It is not a sign of God's absence. It is often a sign of God's presence.

Christ Himself—God incarnate—entered suffering willingly. He did not avoid it. He did not escape it. He embraced it.

This means suffering cannot be meaningless. It cannot be worthless. It cannot be a reason to end life.

3. The Purpose of Suffering in the Christian Life

Suffering accomplishes what comfort cannot:

- **It refines character.**
- **It strengthens faith.**
- **It reveals God's power.**
- **It deepens compassion.**
- **It exposes false hopes.**
- **It draws us closer to Christ.**

Scripture teaches:

- **"The testing of your faith produces perseverance."** ***(James 1:3)***
- **"Our light affliction works for us an eternal weight of glory."** ***(2 Corinthians 4:17)***
- **"Whom the Lord loves He disciplines."** ***(Hebrews 12:6)***

Suffering is not the enemy. Sin is the enemy. Death is the enemy. Despair is the enemy.

But suffering—when surrendered to God—becomes a tool of grace.

4. The Cultural Lie: "Death Is Dignity"

Euthanasia advocates claim:

- **"Suffering destroys dignity."**
- **"Death restores dignity."**
- **"Compassion requires ending life."**

This is a lie.

Dignity does not come from comfort. Dignity does not come from independence. Dignity does not come from strength. Dignity does not come from health.

Dignity comes from being made in the image of God.

A suffering person is not less human. A suffering person is not less valuable. A suffering person is not less dignified.

Christ suffered—and His suffering was full of dignity.

5. The Cultural Lie: "Suffering Justifies Abortion"

Abortion is often justified by appeals to suffering:

- **"The mother will suffer."**
- **"The child will suffer."**
- **"The family will suffer."**
- **"Society will suffer."**

But suffering does not justify killing. Hardship does not justify murder. Fear does not justify ending life.

Scripture never permits killing the innocent to avoid suffering.

Instead, Scripture commands:

- **"Rescue those being led away to death."** ***(Proverbs 24:11)***
- **"Defend the weak and the fatherless."** ***(Psalm 82:3)***
- **"Love your neighbor as yourself."** ***(Matthew 22:39)***

The unborn child is the weakest neighbor of all.

6. The Cultural Lie: "Suicide Ends Pain"

Suicide is often framed as:

- **escape**

- **relief**
- **peace**
- **empowerment**

But suicide is not relief—it is tragedy. Suicide is not peace—it is destruction. Suicide is not empowerment—it is surrender.

Scripture teaches:

- **"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted."** ***(Psalm 34:18)***
- **"Cast your burden on the Lord."** ***(Psalm 55:22)***
- **"Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden."** ***(Matthew 11:28)***

God does not abandon the suffering. He carries them.

Suicide rejects God's promise. Suicide rejects God's presence. Suicide rejects God's plan.

Life is always the right choice.

7. The Christian Response to Suffering

Christians do not deny suffering. Christians do not minimize suffering. Christians do not romanticize suffering.

Christians redeem suffering.

We respond with:

- **compassion**
- **prayer**
- **presence**
- **support**
- **hope**
- **truth**
- **love**

We do not respond with death.

We do not respond with killing.

We do not respond with abandonment.

We respond with Christ.

8. The Value of Every Breath

Every breath is sacred because:

- **God gives it.**
- **God sustains it.**
- **God numbers it.**
- **God purposes it.**
- **God values it.**

Life is not measured by comfort. Life is not measured by strength. Life is not measured by independence. Life is not measured by ease.

Life is measured by God.

And God declares:

- **"I have come that they may have life."** ***(John 10:10)***
- **"Choose life."** ***(Deuteronomy 30:19)***
- **"In Him was life."** ***(John 1:4)***

Life is always good. Life is always sacred. Life is always worth protecting.

9. The Call to Uphold Life in a Suffering World

Chapter Five establishes a crucial truth:

- **Suffering has meaning.**
- **Suffering has purpose.**
- **Suffering has dignity.**

- **Suffering is not a justification for death.**
- **Life must be protected even in suffering.**
- **God is present in suffering.**
- **Christ redeems suffering.**

We must reject the cultural lies. We must reject the false compassion of death. We must reject the destruction of life.

We must uphold the sacredness of every breath.

This chapter is a call to courage, compassion, and conviction. It is a call to defend life in a world that fears suffering. It is a call to trust God in the darkest moments. It is a call to honor the Author of life.

Requiem for the Innocent: The Final Reckoning — Sin, Suffering, Innocence, and the Triumph of God

The story of human life does not end with tragedy. It does not end with sin. It does not end with death. It ends with God, whose mercy, justice, and sovereignty stand above every human failure. This concluding chapter confronts one of the most painful realities of our age: the destruction of innocent life through sexual immorality, abortion, and the culture of self-gratification. Yet it also proclaims the triumphant hope of the gospel—life, immortality, and the victory of Christ over death itself.

1. The Trap of Ignorance and Self-Gratification

Young people—and many adults—enter sexual activity with little understanding of its consequences. Pleasure becomes the goal. Romance becomes the justification. Lust becomes the driver. The possibility of pregnancy is pushed aside, ignored, or dismissed as unlikely.

Self-gratification blinds the mind.

Some, more aware of the risks, attempt to avoid consequences through various forms of birth control. But no method is perfect. And when pregnancy occurs—when the shock fades and reality settles—the child is often viewed not as a blessing, but as a problem.

Marriage is dismissed. Responsibility is avoided. Commitment is rejected.

And abortion becomes the "quick and easy solution" to a life-changing event.

This is not freedom. This is bondage. This is the trap.

2. The Machinery of Abortion: A Culture of Convenience

The abortion industry has made the destruction of life commonplace. Providers such as Planned Parenthood promote abortion under the guise of "healthcare," masking death with medical language and moral neutrality.

The messaging is simple:

- **"You deserve freedom."**
- **"You deserve control."**
- **"You deserve convenience."**
- **"We can fix this problem."**

But the "problem" is a child. A person. A life. A soul.

Self-centeredness rules the day. The trap has been carefully set. And Satan and his legions laugh.

Not because they are omniscient—they are not. Not because they foresee the glory of God—they cannot.

Scripture reveals their blindness:

"For had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." ***(1 Corinthians 2:8, KJV)***

The same blindness fuels every assault on innocent life.

3. The Murder of Innocents and the Mercy of God

Abortion is a tragedy. Abortion is a sin. Abortion is the destruction of the most vulnerable among us.

Yet even in this horror, God's mercy shines with unimaginable tenderness.

Every child—every single one—fully perfected, fully known, fully loved, is taken into the arms of God. Not one is lost to Him. Not one is forgotten. Not one is abandoned.

Death does not have the final word.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" ***(1 Corinthians 15:55, KJV)***

The grave cannot claim victory over innocence. Death cannot triumph over the children God gathers to Himself. Hell cannot steal what God redeems.

Christ has conquered death:

"But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." ***(2 Timothy 1:10, KJV)***

Life and immortality—these are the inheritance of the innocent.

4. The Cosmic Perspective: What Satan Cannot See

Satan is a deceiver, a murderer from the beginning, and the father of lies. He delights in destruction. He rejoices in confusion. He celebrates every act of violence against the image of God.

But Satan is not omniscient. He is not omnipotent. He is not sovereign.

He did not understand the cross. He does not understand redemption. He does not understand the glory of God's mercy.

And he does not understand what God does with the innocents.

The enemy sees death. God sees life. The enemy sees defeat. God sees victory. The enemy sees tragedy. God sees triumph.

The murder of innocents is a horror—but it is not the end of their story.

5. The Final Truth: Life Is Precious and Must Be Defended

This book has proclaimed one truth from beginning to end:

Life is sacred. Life is God-given. Life is non-negotiable. Life must be protected.

Relativism cannot redefine life. Government cannot redefine life. Courts cannot redefine life. Culture cannot redefine life. Satan cannot redefine life.

God alone defines life. God alone gives life. God alone receives life. God alone redeems life.

Abortion is always wrong. Suicide is always wrong. Euthanasia is always wrong.

Not because Christians lack compassion, but because Christians understand the value of life, the origin of life, and the destiny of life.

6. The Final Word: Hope, Victory, and the Glory of God

This concluding chapter is not a lament—it is a proclamation.

- **Innocent life is not lost.**
- **Innocent life is not wasted.**
- **Innocent life is not forgotten.**
- **Innocent life is not defeated.**

Every child taken by abortion is received by God. Every soul is perfected in His presence. Every life is honored by the One who created it. Every tear is wiped away. Every injustice is answered. Every sorrow is redeemed.

Death has no victory. The grave has no triumph. Christ has abolished death. Life and immortality shine through the gospel.

This is the final truth. This is the final hope. This is the final chapter.

And this is the glory of God.

Post-Script — The Fate of the Unrepentant: A Biblical Warning

This post-script stands apart from the final chapter because its purpose is different. The concluding chapter proclaims hope, mercy, and the triumph of God over death. This post-script delivers a solemn warning—one of Scripture's most powerful guides for human behavior. It is not meant to condemn individuals, for "Judge not, that ye be not judged." (Matthew 7:1). It is meant to define categories of unrepentant sin, not the eternal destiny of any specific soul.

It is the kind of judgment Scripture *requires*—a moral discernment of actions, not a final verdict on persons.

Who the Unrepentant Are in This Story

The unrepentant are those who persist in sin, justify sin, celebrate sin, and refuse repentance. In the moral landscape of this book, they include:

- **Parents who choose abortion and never repent**
- **Partners who pressure or coerce abortion and never repent**
- **Medical personnel who perform or assist abortions and never repent**
- **Clinic workers, counselors, administrators who promote abortion as "healthcare" and never repent**
- **Teachers, professors, authors, journalists who normalize or celebrate the culture of death and never repent**
- **Religious professionals who bless or justify abortion, suicide, or euthanasia and never repent**
- **Policy makers and activists who champion euthanasia or assisted suicide and never repent**

These are categories—not personal condemnations.

A Note on Suicide

Suicide is always wrong, always tragic, always contrary to God's will. But Scripture does not explicitly declare the eternal fate of those who die by suicide.

Christians throughout history have differed:

- **Some say suicide is self-murder and therefore damning.**
- **Some say mental anguish may cloud judgment, leaving room for mercy.**
- **Some say, humbly, "I do not know."**

The truth is this:

We are not permitted to judge the final state of any person who dies by suicide. Their eternity belongs to God alone.

A Clear and Sobering Description of Hell (According to Scripture)

"The wicked shall be turned into hell." ***(Psalm 9:17, KJV)***

Scripture does not treat Hell as metaphor, symbol, or poetic exaggeration. It speaks of Hell as a real place, a final destination, and a state of eternal separation from God. Its descriptions are meant to awaken conscience, stir repentance, and reveal the seriousness of rejecting God's mercy.

1. Hell Is Eternal Separation from God

Hell is first and foremost separation from God—from His presence, His goodness, His mercy, His light.

- **"Depart from Me, ye cursed."** ***(Matthew 25:41)***
- **"Punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord."** ***(2 Thessalonians 1:9)***

To be separated from God is to be separated from everything that makes life meaningful, joyful, or bearable.

2. Hell Is Conscious Reality

Hell is not unconsciousness, nor annihilation, nor oblivion. It is conscious existence without hope.

- **"In hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments."** ***(Luke 16:23)***

The unrepentant are aware of their condition. They understand what they have lost. They recognize the justice of God's judgment.

3. Hell Is Unending

Hell is not temporary. Hell is not corrective. Hell is not purgatorial.

It is eternal.

- **"These shall go away into everlasting punishment."** ***(Matthew 25:46)***

- **“The smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever.” *(Revelation 14:11)***

Scripture uses the same word for the eternity of Heaven and the eternity of Hell. Both are everlasting.

4. Hell Is Fire and Darkness

Scripture uses two dominant images to describe Hell: fire and darkness.

Fire:

- **“The lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.” *(Revelation 21:8)***
- **“Unquenchable fire.” *(Mark 9:43)***

Darkness:

- **“Cast into outer darkness.” *(Matthew 22:13)***
- **“Blackness of darkness for ever.” *(Jude 13)***

Fire symbolizes torment. Darkness symbolizes isolation. Together they portray the total absence of God’s presence.

5. Hell Is Regret Without Relief

Hell contains:

- **memory**
- **regret**
- **remorse**
- **longing**
- **but no hope**

The rich man in Luke 16 remembers his life, his choices, his family, and his missed opportunities. He desires relief, but none is given.

- **“I am tormented in this flame.” *(Luke 16:24)***

Hell is the full realization of what rejecting God truly means.

6. Hell Is Divine Justice

Hell is not cruelty. Hell is not injustice. Hell is not arbitrary.

Hell is the final expression of God's holiness, His justice, and His refusal to allow evil to triumph.

- **"Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."** ***(Romans 12:19)***
- **"The Lord Jesus shall be revealed… taking vengeance on them that know not God."** ***(2 Thessalonians 1:7–8)***

Hell exists because God is good. Hell exists because God is just. Hell exists because evil must be answered.

7. Hell Is the Destination of the Unrepentant

Scripture is clear:

- **"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."** ***(Luke 13:3)***
- **"He that believeth not shall be damned."** ***(Mark 16:16)***
- **"Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."** ***(Revelation 20:15)***

This warning is mercy. It is God calling humanity to life.

Why This Post-Script Matters

Without this warning:

- **there is no urgency**
- **there is no repentance**
- **there is no salvation**
- **there is no moral clarity**
- **there is no protection of life**

The warning is love. The warning is truth. The warning is grace. It is God calling humanity away from destruction and toward life.

Theological Section on Personhood

Personhood is not a human invention. It is not granted by governments, courts, or cultural consensus. Personhood is a theological reality rooted in the nature of God Himself. To understand the value of human life, we must begin with the One who created it.

1. Personhood Begins With God

In Christian theology, God is not an abstract force but a personal Being—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Personhood is therefore eternal, existing before creation. When Scripture says we are made *in the image and likeness of God*, it means that human beings reflect something of God's own personal nature.

This is the foundation of all human dignity. This is why life is sacred. This is why personhood cannot be reduced to biology, size, development, or dependency.

Human beings are not valuable because of what they can do. They are valuable because of who they are: bearers of the divine image.

2. Personhood Begins at Conception

From the moment of fertilization, a new human being exists—genetically distinct, biologically alive, and spiritually significant. The spark of conception is not merely a biological event; it is the beginning of a story authored by God.

Christian tradition has long held that the soul is created directly by God. While Scripture does not specify the exact moment of ensoulment, the logic of divine creation strongly suggests that the moment life begins is the moment the soul is present. God does not create "potential persons." He creates persons.

To speak of the child as a "fetus" is medically descriptive but spiritually incomplete. Language shapes conscience. Depersonalization shapes behavior. When personhood is denied, violence becomes possible.

3. Personhood Is Not Earned

Modern culture often treats personhood as something achieved:

- **when one becomes self-aware**
- **when one becomes viable**

- **when one becomes independent**
- **when one becomes wanted**

But Scripture rejects every one of these criteria. Personhood is not earned. It is bestowed.

The unborn child is not a "potential human." The unborn child is a human with potential.

4. Personhood Is Recognized in Scripture

The Bible consistently affirms the humanity of the unborn:

- **God forms the child in the womb**
- **He knows the child before birth**
- **He calls prophets from the womb**
- **He fills John the Baptist with the Spirit before birth**
- **He knits each person together with intention and care**

The unborn are not invisible to God. They are not anonymous. They are not unfinished. They are His.

The slaughter of innocents in Scripture—whether under Pharaoh or Herod—was condemned not because the children were "future citizens," but because they were persons.

5. Personhood and the Image of God

To bear the image of God means:

- **we are relational**
- **we are moral**
- **we are spiritual**
- **we are capable of love**
- **we are known by God**

These qualities do not appear suddenly at birth. They are present in seed form from conception. The unborn child is already:

- **loved by God**

- **known by God**
- **designed by God**
- **destined for relationship with God**

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Theological Section on Personhood

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- **He fills John the Baptist with the Spirit before birth**
- **He knits each person together with intention and care**

The unborn are not invisible to God. They are not anonymous. They are not unfinished. They are His.

The slaughter of innocents in Scripture—whether under Pharaoh or Herod—was condemned not because the children were "future citizens," but because they were persons.

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To bear the image of God means:

- **we are relational**
- **we are moral**
- **we are spiritual**
- **we are capable of love**
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Medical Reality of Abortion

Abortion is often discussed in abstract terms—political, philosophical, or emotional. But at its core, abortion is a medical procedure designed to end the life of a developing human being. To understand its moral weight, one must first understand its medical reality. This section presents that reality plainly, without euphemism, without depersonalization, and without unnecessary detail. It is written to inform conscience, not to shock.

1. What Abortion Is Medically

Abortion is the intentional termination of a pregnancy, resulting in the death of the child in the womb. It is not the same as miscarriage, which is an involuntary loss of pregnancy. Abortion is a deliberate act carried out through specific medical methods.

The procedures fall into two broad categories:

- **Chemical (Medication) Abortion**
- **Surgical Abortion**

Both categories are designed to achieve the same outcome: the cessation of human life developing in the uterus.

2. Chemical (Medication) Abortion

Chemical abortion is typically performed in the first 10–12 weeks of pregnancy. It involves a two-drug regimen:

- **Mifepristone — blocks progesterone, a hormone essential for sustaining pregnancy. Without progesterone, the uterine lining breaks down and the child loses the environment needed to survive.**
- **Misoprostol — induces uterine contractions to expel the child.**

This process is often described as "ending a pregnancy," but medically it is the deliberate interruption of the biological support system sustaining a human life. The child is deprived of the hormonal environment required for continued development.

Chemical abortion is frequently marketed as "simple" or "natural," but medically it is a controlled process of fetal demise followed by induced expulsion.

3. Surgical Abortion

Surgical abortion varies by gestational age. The most common methods include:

- **Suction Aspiration (Vacuum Curettage) — used in the first trimester. A powerful suction device removes the developing child and pregnancy tissue from the uterus.**
- **Dilation and Curettage (D&C) — similar to suction aspiration but may involve additional instruments to ensure removal.**

- **Dilation and Evacuation (D&E) — used in the second trimester. The cervix is dilated, and surgical instruments are used to remove the child and associated tissue.**
- **Induction Abortion — used later in pregnancy. Labor is induced after administering drugs that cause fetal demise.**

These procedures are clinical, controlled, and intentional. They are not spontaneous biological events. They are medical interventions designed to end a life.

4. The Child's Development at the Time of Abortion

To understand the medical reality, one must understand the child's development during the weeks when most abortions occur.

- **By 6 weeks: The heart is beating.**
- **By 8 weeks: All major organs are forming; the child has a face, limbs, and measurable brain activity.**
- **By 10–12 weeks: The child can move, respond to stimuli, and has fingerprints.**
- **By 20 weeks: Evidence strongly suggests the child can feel pain.**
- **By 24 weeks: The child is viable outside the womb with medical support.**

Abortion interrupts a life already in motion—already developing, already responding, already growing according to a genetic blueprint authored at conception.

5. The Role of Language in Medicine

Medical terminology often uses the word "fetus" to describe the unborn child. While medically standard, the term can depersonalize. It shifts attention from the person to the process. It is easier to justify ending a "fetus" than ending a child.

This linguistic shift mirrors historical patterns of depersonalization:

- **calling people "vermin"**
- **calling races "inferior"**
- **calling infants "threats"**
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Depersonalization is not medically necessary—it is psychologically convenient.

6. The Biological Reality: Life Begins at Conception

From a medical standpoint:

- **The unborn child has a unique genetic identity from conception.**
- **The child is biologically alive—growing, metabolizing, responding.**
- **The child is human—not a potential human, but a human with potential.**

The theological truth aligns with the biological truth: life begins at fertilization, when God's creative spark sets a new person into motion.

7. Pain and Suffering

Scientific evidence increasingly supports the conclusion that the unborn child can experience pain by around 20 weeks, possibly earlier. Neural pathways for pain perception begin forming far sooner than once believed.

This means that many second-trimester abortions occur at a stage when the child may feel distress.

8. The Scale of the Tragedy

In the United States alone, over 90 million abortions have occurred since legalization. Globally, the number is exponentially higher. Each number represents a life—unique, unrepeatable, known to God.

Abortion is not rare. It is not marginal. It is a daily reality.

9. The Moral and Medical Intersection

Medicine describes the procedure. Theology describes the person. Conscience must reconcile the two.

When the medical reality is understood clearly, the moral reality becomes unavoidable: abortion is the intentional ending of a human life created in the image of God.

10. Compassion and Redemption

This section is not written to condemn those who have experienced abortion. Many carry deep wounds, grief, or regret. The Christian message is not one of despair but of hope:

In Christ, there is forgiveness. In Christ, there is healing. In Christ, there is peace.

No past is beyond His mercy.

Historical Timeline of Abortion Legislation

This timeline provides a concise but meaningful overview of how abortion laws developed across history—moving from ancient practices, through religious and moral frameworks, into modern legislation. It is designed to help readers understand how societies have treated the unborn and how legal systems have either protected or endangered innocent life.

I. Ancient and Early Historical Foundations

- **Ancient Civilizations Abortion was practiced in various ancient cultures, though often condemned.**
    - **Ancient Egypt & Greece — Abortion existed, but Greek philosophers such as Hippocrates forbade it in the Hippocratic Oath.**
    - **Ancient Rome — Abortion was generally permitted, though later discouraged as population concerns grew.**
- **Early Christianity (1st–4th centuries) The early Church universally condemned abortion as the destruction of a human life.**
    - ***Didache (1st century)* — "You shall not murder a child by abortion."**
    - **Church Fathers consistently taught that life begins at conception.**
- **Medieval Period (5th–15th centuries) Christian moral teaching dominated Europe. Abortion was treated as homicide in most jurisdictions.**

II. Pre-Modern Legal Developments

- **16th–18th centuries European legal systems increasingly criminalized abortion.**

    - **English Common Law recognized abortion as a serious offense, especially after "quickening" (the first felt movement of the child).**

- **19th century Medical science advanced, recognizing conception as the beginning of life.**
    - **American Medical Association (AMA), 1857 — Declared abortion morally wrong and medically dangerous.**
    - **By 1900, abortion was illegal in every U.S. state except to save the mother's life.**

III. The 20th Century: The Shift Toward Legalization

- **1920 — Soviet Union First nation to legalize abortion on demand. This became a model for later secular states.**
- **1930s–1950s Some nations began permitting abortion under limited circumstances (rape, incest, danger to mother).**
- **1967 — United Kingdom The Abortion Act legalized abortion under broad conditions.**
- **1960s — United States (State Level) Several states began loosening restrictions:**
    - **Colorado (1967)**
    - **California (1967)**
    - **New York (1970) — One of the most permissive laws in the nation.**

IV. Roe v. Wade and the Era of Nationwide Legalization

- **1973 — Roe v. Wade (U.S. Supreme Court) Declared abortion a constitutional right under the 14th Amendment.**
    - **Legalized abortion nationwide through all trimesters, with varying degrees of regulation.**
    - **Overrode all state laws protecting unborn life.**
- **1973 — Doe v. Bolton Expanded Roe by defining "health of the mother" to include emotional and psychological factors, effectively permitting abortion until birth.**

- **1976 — Hyde Amendment Prohibited federal funding for most abortions (except in limited cases).**
- **1992 — Planned Parenthood v. Casey Reaffirmed Roe but allowed states to impose certain restrictions, provided they did not create an "undue burden."**

V. Global Trends (Late 20th–Early 21st Century)

- **Many Western nations legalized abortion broadly (France, Germany, Canada).**
- **Some nations maintained strong protections for unborn life (Ireland until 2018, Poland, Malta).**
- **China implemented forced abortion policies under the One-Child Policy (1979–2015).**

VI. The Overturning of Roe v. Wade

- **2022 — Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization The U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade.**
    - **Declared that the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion.**
    - **Returned authority to the states.**
    - **Triggered immediate bans or restrictions in numerous states.**

Post-Dobbs America became a patchwork of laws:

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- **Others expanded abortion access up to birth.**
- **The cultural divide deepened.**

VII. The Present Landscape

As of today:

- **Abortion laws vary widely by state—from total bans to full-term permissiveness.**
- **Right to Life organizations continue to advocate for unborn children.**

- **Medical ethics debates intensify around late-term abortion, fetal pain, and personhood.**
- **Churches and pro-life movements remain central voices defending the sanctity of life.**
- **March for Life continues annually, a visible witness to the dignity of the unborn.**

VIII. Why This Timeline Matters

This historical overview reveals a sobering truth:

Whenever societies depersonalize the unborn, legal systems follow. Whenever legal systems depersonalize the unborn, tragedy follows.

The law shapes culture. Culture shapes conscience. Conscience shapes destiny.

Understanding this history is essential for understanding the moral crisis addressed in *Requiem for the Innocent*.

Appendix: Scriptures for Requiem for the Innocent

I. Scriptures on the Sanctity of Human Life

- **Genesis 1:27 — "God created man in His own image." Establishes the divine origin and dignity of every human being.**
- **Psalm 139:13–16 — "Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb." Affirms God's intimate involvement in the formation of every child.**
- **Jeremiah 1:5 — "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee." Reveals personhood and divine purpose before birth.**
- **Job 31:15 — "Did not He that made me in the womb make him?" Declares equality and shared dignity among all people.**

II. Scriptures on Innocent Blood and Moral Responsibility

- **Exodus 20:13 — "Thou shalt not kill." The foundational commandment protecting human life.**
- **Proverbs 6:16–17 — "Hands that shed innocent blood." Identifies the shedding of innocent blood as an abomination.**
- **Deuteronomy 27:25 — "Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person." Condemns those who profit from the destruction of life.**
- **Psalm 106:37–38 — "They shed innocent blood… the blood of their sons and daughters." A historical warning against child sacrifice.**

III. Scriptures on God's Care for the Innocent

- **Matthew 18:10 — "Their angels do always behold the face of My Father." Affirms the special protection and value of children.**
- **Isaiah 40:11 — "He shall gather the lambs with His arm." A tender image of God receiving the innocent.**
- **Revelation 21:4 — "God shall wipe away all tears." A promise of comfort and restoration for all who suffer.**

IV. Scriptures on Sin, Repentance, and Forgiveness

- **1 John 1:9 — "If we confess our sins… He is faithful and just to forgive." The foundation of Christian repentance and mercy.**
- **Psalm 51:10 — "Create in me a clean heart, O God." A prayer of restoration for the repentant.**
- **Isaiah 1:18 — "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." A promise of complete cleansing.**
- **Luke 15:7 — "Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth." Heaven rejoices over repentance, even after grave sin.**

V. Scriptures on Moral Blindness and the Culture of Death

- **Isaiah 5:20 — "Woe unto them that call evil good." A warning against moral inversion.**

- **Romans 1:21–22 — "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." Describes the collapse of moral reasoning.**
- **Ephesians 4:18 — "Darkened in their understanding." A portrait of spiritual blindness.**

VI. Scriptures on the Destiny of the Innocent and the Triumph of God

- **1 Corinthians 15:55 — "O death, where is thy sting?" Declares Christ's victory over death.**
- **2 Timothy 1:10 — "Who hath abolished death." The central proclamation of the gospel.**
- **John 14:2 — "In My Father's house are many mansions." A promise of eternal dwelling for God's children.**
- **Revelation 7:17 — "The Lamb… shall lead them unto living fountains of waters." A vision of the innocent in glory.**

VII. Scriptures on Judgment and the Unrepentant (Post-Script Themes)

- **Psalm 9:17 — "The wicked shall be turned into hell." A solemn warning.**
- **Hebrews 10:31 — "A fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." The gravity of rejecting mercy.**
- **Luke 13:3 — "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." The necessity of repentance.**
- **Revelation 20:15 — "Cast into the lake of fire." The final judgment of the unrepentant.**

VIII. Why This Appendix Matters

These Scriptures form the backbone of *Requiem for the Innocent*. They reveal:

- **the sacredness of life**

- **the tragedy of its destruction**
- **the blindness of culture**
- **the mercy of God**
- **the hope of redemption**
- **the destiny of the innocent**
- **the warning to the unrepentant**
- **the triumph of Christ**

This appendix is not merely a reference—it is a theological map of the book's heart.

Glossary

- **Abortion — The intentional ending of a human life in the womb. In this book, abortion is treated as a moral, spiritual, and human tragedy, not merely a medical procedure. It is examined as the destruction of an innocent person created in the image of God.**
- **Culture of Death — A term describing societal systems, ideologies, and practices that normalize or promote the destruction of human life, including abortion, euthanasia, and moral relativism. It reflects a worldview that denies the inherent dignity of the human person.**
- **Conception — The moment when sperm and egg unite, initiating a new human life. This book affirms conception as the beginning of personhood, destiny, and divine intention.**
- **Depersonalization — The act of stripping a human being of identity, dignity, or personhood. Historically, depersonalization has preceded atrocities such as slavery, genocide, and abortion.**
- **Euthanasia — The intentional ending of a human life under the guise of compassion. This book treats euthanasia as a violation of the sanctity of life and a distortion of true mercy.**
- **Fetus — A medical term for a developing human child in the womb. In this book, the term is examined as often used to depersonalize the unborn and obscure their humanity.**

- **Forgiveness — The complete, undeserved mercy offered by God through Christ. Central to this book is the truth that even grave sins—including abortion—can be forgiven fully through repentance.**

- **Image of God — The theological truth that every human being is created with divine dignity, purpose, and worth. This doctrine forms the foundation of the sanctity of life.**

- **Innocent — In this book, "innocent" refers specifically to unborn children whose lives are taken before birth. They bear no guilt and are received into God's eternal care.**

- **Intelligent Design — The belief that human beings are intentionally created by God, not accidents of evolution. This book affirms intelligent design as the basis for human dignity.**

- **March for Life — The annual gathering in Washington, D.C., where individuals publicly witness to the sanctity of life and protest the injustice of abortion. Participants often endure harsh weather to stand for the unborn.**

- **Mercy — God's compassionate withholding of judgment and His offer of forgiveness. Mercy is central to the healing of repentant abortion participants.**

- **Personhood — The recognition of an individual as a human being with rights, dignity, and moral worth. This book asserts personhood begins at conception.**

- **Post-Script — A concluding section added after the main text. In this book, the post-script addresses the fate of the unrepentant and provides a solemn Scriptural warning.**

- **Repentance — The act of turning away from sin and toward God. Repentance is presented as the doorway to forgiveness, healing, and redemption.**

- **Right to Life — The belief that every human being, from conception to natural death, possesses an inherent right to live. This book affirms the Right to Life as granted by God, not by governments.**

- **Sanctity of Life — The doctrine that human life is sacred because it is created by God. This principle is the foundation of all moral reasoning in the book.**

- **Sin — Any act of rebellion against God's moral law. Abortion, euthanasia, and suicide are treated as sins because they violate the sanctity of life.**

- **Suicide — The intentional ending of one's own life. This book treats suicide as a tragedy and a sin, while acknowledging the mystery surrounding the eternal fate of those who die by it.**

- **Triumph of God — The victory of Christ over death, sin, and evil. This book proclaims that God receives every innocent child and ultimately defeats all forces that seek to destroy life.**

Author's Biography

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Jim, a musician, songwriter, and lifelong seeker of truth, was born and raised in New York and has spent his life navigating the intersections of faith, conscience, creativity, and redemption. A graduate of State University and former resident of White Plains and Manhattan, he has lived, worked, and worshiped across the diverse landscapes of New York State. Today he resides in Fredonia, New York, where he continues to write, compose, and reflect deeply on the mysteries of God and the dignity of human life.

Jim's journey has not been without sorrow. As a young man in college, he participated in an abortion with his girlfriend, Barbara—a chapter of his life he carries with humility and repentance. This experience, recounted in Act I of his testimony, became a turning point that shaped his understanding of sin, forgiveness, and the immeasurable mercy of God. Through Christ, he found complete forgiveness, and through writing, he found a way to honor the innocent and speak truth to a world in need of clarity.

His original song, "The Right to Life," written and recorded as a heartfelt tribute to the unborn, stands as a musical expression of his conviction and compassion. The song can be heard directly at:

https://jimgiatas.com/track/1778900/the-right-to-life

Jim's work is grounded in Scripture, shaped by repentance, and fueled by a desire to defend the vulnerable. He has long supported Right to Life organizations, the March for Life, and the countless individuals—educators, clergy, medical professionals, activists, and repentant former participants—who labor tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life.

His writing spans theology, autobiography, Christian doctrine, and personal testimony. His works include explorations of the Shroud of Turin, children's literature, Christian apologetics, and a developing autobiography blending chronology with spiritual reflection. *Requiem for the Innocent* is among his most solemn and personal works—a requiem, a warning, and a proclamation of God's triumph over death.

Jim continues to write, compose, and serve as a witness to the truth that life is sacred, forgiveness is real, and God's mercy is greater than our deepest failures.

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